GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HANDLING OF FOOD GRAINS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh nominated to the Union Government the Andhra Pradesh State warehousing corporation as the nodal agency for bulk handling of food grains on the east coast at Vishakapatnam;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Vishakapatnam Port Trust were requested to allot 10 acres of land on nomination basis at lease rent to take up warehousing of exports and imports of food grains by APSWC ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the land is likely to be allotted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): As per the National Policy on Handling, Storage & Transportation of Foodgrains, there is no provision for nominating any agency as a nodal agency for creation of bulk grain handling facility.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Visakhapatnam Port Trust has already allotted land measuring 10 acres to Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation (APSWC) for construction of godowns, subject to payment of rent etc.APSWC has to arrange advance payment of annual rent and non refundable premium to the tune of Rs. 9.65 lakhs so as to take possession of the land.